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ATTN: BOX PATENT APPLICATION/NO-FEE-

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: 'This Application is a Continuation of International Application No. PCT/GB98/02430, filed August 12, 1998 (claiming priority from British Appln. No. 9716998.1, filed August 12, 1997), now pending (which is hereby incorporated by reference).

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1, line 1, after "The" delete "use of" and insert - - A molecule comprising - -; after "domain" insert - - useful - -.

Claim 2, line 1, after "The" delete "use of a cC1qR binding domain" and insert - - molecule-; after "the" insert - - cC1qR - -.

Claim 3, line 1, after "The" delete "use of a cC1qR binding domain" and insert - - molecule - -; lines 1-2, delete "either one of claims 1 or 2" and insert - - claim 1 - -.

Claim 4, delete "The use of" and insert - - A molecule comprising - -; after "domain" insert - - useful - -.

Claim 5, after "The" delete "use of an inhibitor of the cC1qR binding domain" and insert - - molecule - -; after "claim 4" insert - - wherein - -; line 2, delete "comprising" and insert - - comprises - -.

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